

Amendment No. 1 to SB1447

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1447

House Bill No. 558*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) An LEA or public charter school shall allow a student to use at least one (1) excused absence from school within the number of days that the LEA or public charter school authorizes to be excused to allow the student time to address the student's mental or behavioral health if:

(1) The student's parent or legal guardian provides a personal note to the school stating that the student's absence is due to the student's mental or behavioral health; and

(2) The excused absence is used on a Friday on which date the student will not be administered a test or is not otherwise scheduled to participate in an extracurricular activity.

(b) A student receiving an excused absence from school pursuant to this section must have the opportunity to make up school work missed and must not have the student's class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the student's absence.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.